BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
NOVEMBER 3, 2026

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, Red Wing, MN, with C/Flanders, C/Betcher, C/Greseth, C/Majerus and C/Anderson all present.

C/Betcher asked for any disclosure of interest. There were none.

1 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the October 20, 2026, County Board meeting minutes.

2 Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the November 3, 2026, County Board Agenda.

3 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve the 2026 Emergency Operations Plan.
2. Approve resolution seeking State of Minnesota Revenue Sharing Fund to Sustain Deputy Registrar Offices
3. Approve Renewal 2026-2027 Liquor Licenses
4. Approval Tobacco License 2026-2027

SHERIFF'S REORTS

Recognition of Emergency Management Director, Earl Merchlewitz. Sheriff Marty Kelly formally recognized Goodhue County Emergency Management Director Earl Merchlewitz for his outstanding achievements and contributions to emergency management. Last month, Earl was awarded the Minnesota Emergency Management Director of the Year Award by the Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers.

New Business.

C/Majerus made a motion not to hire the social services supervisor and CMH case manager positions that were previously approved at the last HHS meeting. C/Greseth seconded the motion.

C/Flanders commented that she was still in support of hiring the positions. C/Greseth was concerned with all the changes that could possibly happen with the election and suggested putting a hold on it now and review the needs again in the future. C/Betcher agreed.

C/Anderson supported it at the HHS level and still supports it.

HHS Deputy Director, Kayla Matter, addressed the board and was available for questions.

4 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Anderson and C/Flanders dissenting to approve not to hire the social services supervisor and CMH case manager positions that were previously approved at the last October 20, 2026, Health and Human Services Board meeting.

C/Majerus referred to the Park Host discussion that occurred at previous meetings. He suggested board members review the Committee of the Whole meeting and the discussions that occurred when the board went to a full-time Park's Manager position and what that Park Manager was going to do. Much of what the Park Hosts are supposed to do is what the Park Manager was going to do. He suggested the commissioners look at what was done and what we are really getting out of the Park Manager position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Betcher	•
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	•
Administrator Arneson	•

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Review and Approve the County Claims

5 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue $569,529.79, 03-Public Works $1,688,085.15, 11- Human Service Fund $18,678.48, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative $00, 15- County Ditch 1 $00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund $00, 25- EDA $5,487.53, 34-Capital Equipment $418,706.05, 35-Debt Services $1,625.00, 61-Waste Management $10,563.23, 72-Other Agency Funds $241,213.71, 81-Settlement $6,068,406.15, in the total amount of $9,022,295.09.

Adjourn

6 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to adjourn the November 3, 2026, County Board Meeting.

SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

SUSAN BETCHER, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the October 20, 2026, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the November 3, 2026, county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved not to hire the Social Services Supervisor and CMH Case Manager positions previously approved by the HHS Board. (Motion carried 3-2)
5. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved to adjourn the November 3, 2026, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)